

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Below Average  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Unsatisfactory

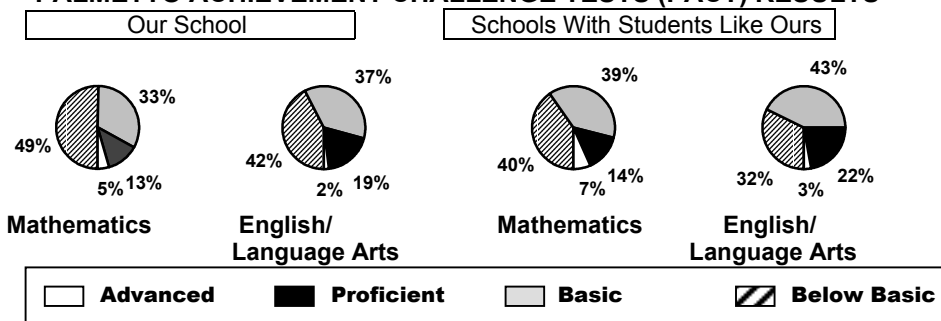
Number of middle schools with students similar to ours: 42. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to good.

#### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Below Average	Unsatisfactory
2002		
2003		
2004		

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

#### PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



#### DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on 2004 School Report Cards. Social studies scores are to be reported on 2005 School Report Cards.

#### PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT

Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=646)</b>	57.4%	49.8%	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=40)	15%	12.5%		
Students without disabilities (n=589)	62%	53.6%		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=318)	55%	49.5%		
Female (n=310)	63.2%	52.7%		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=242)	41.7%	33.3%		
Hispanic (n=19)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=363)	70.8%	62.9%		
Other (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=277)	40.4%	34.3%		
Pay for lunch (n=338)	76%	66.8%		

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	N/A	N/A	\$5,055	\$5,127
• Prime instructional time	89.7%	N/A	89.7%	89.6%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.4 to 1	N/A	21.1 to 1	21.4 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=706)</b>				
• Attendance rate	95%	N/A	95.5%	95.7%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0.8%	N/A	4.9%	4.5%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0.6%	N/A	4.5%	4.0%
• Retention rate	0.4%	N/A	4.7%	4.5%
<b>TEACHERS (n=46)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.2 Days	N/A	8.3 Days	8.0 Days
• Attendance Rate	96.2%	N/A	95.2%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	32.6%	N/A	44.4%	45.8%
• Continuing contract teachers	41.3%	N/A	79.8%	80.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	4.3%	N/A	3.1%	2.4%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	N/A	N/A	84%	83.7%
• Average teacher salary	\$32,251	N/A	\$36,970	\$37,455

#### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	N/A	N/A	59.2%	61.5%
• Principal's years at the school	1	N/A	3	3.0
• Parents attending conferences	53%	N/A	78.1%	78.2%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	41.5%	45.8%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	1%	N/A	4.3%	4.5%
• Suspended or expelled	2	N/A	12	15
• Enrolled in high school credit courses	9.1%	N/A	11.3%	13.2%
• Gifted and talented	15.5%	N/A	14.2%	12.1%
• With disabilities other than speech	9.2%	N/A	14.4%	13.6%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Gaffney Middle School is a newly established middle school housed on the campus of the former Gaffney High School. Staff and students met the challenges, resulting in a highly successful first year. The following are some of the accomplishments of our students and staff:

\*The Beta Club received numerous awards at the state Beta Club Convention.

\*Four students qualified as Junior Scholars.

\*Our sports teams won conference titles in football and basketball.

\*Students raised money for the March of Dimes and had a clothes drive for the Salvation Army.

\*Placed in the Battle of the Brains competition.

\*Joshua Knuckles was selected as a People to People Ambassador and will travel to Switzerland, Austria, France, and Italy.

Our school is fortunate to house the Communities in Schools (CIS) after school program. The CIS program is funded through a \$350,000 grant awarded to Cherokee County from the Department of Social Services.

Parents, teachers, and community members developed a new five-year Strategic Plan to guide our instructional program. We are currently completing the accreditation process for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Staff members will complete the process in the spring of 2002.

The school has a multi-media lab and a Compass Learning Lab available for our students. Our language arts classes are taught through a Balanced Literacy Model. Our school offers exploratory courses, and provides an English as a Second Language Program(ESL).

Our staff has participated in many classes and workshops throughout the county and state to continually improve delivery of instruction to students and to keep abreast of all new research in the field of education. Staff members from Gaffney Middle attended the South Carolina Middle School Conference. Several teachers were presenters and worked on the conference committee. Mark Bunch, the principal, will serve as President of the South Carolina Middle School Association. Mr. Alan Ruppe was selected as Teacher of the Year, and Kristen Cobb was selected as the Top Secondary Reading Teacher in the Cherokee County School District.

Mark Bunch, Principal 2000-2001

## EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	63.8	59.0	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	76.6	67.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	44.7	78.6	

## DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Gaffney Middle School  
805 E. Frederick St.  
Gaffney, SC 29340

Grades 6-8 Middle School

Enrollment: 706 Students

## Principal

Mr. Herman Thompson 864-902-3630

## Superintendent

Dr. William B. James 864-902-3500

## Board Chair

Mr. Greg B. Kirby 864-487-9058



## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001

School Grade:  
Unsatisfactory



## South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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